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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT--SUBPARA 7.(B) COMPLETED)

OFFICIAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT'S RACIAL POLICY BY CALLING FOR THE ALL-BLACKS TO CANCEL THE TOUR AND RETURN HOME. MULDOON REFUSED, AND A SOURCE CLOSE TO THE PRIMIN TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER AT THAT TIME THAT THE PRESSURE AGAINST THE PRIMIN WAS "NOTHING A COUPLE OF VICTORIES WOULDN'T CURE."

4. NO ONE IN PRIME MINISTER MULDOON'S GOVERNMENT, AND FEW AMONG THE GENERAL POPULACE, WERE PREPARED FOR THE REACTION

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WHICH SET IN AS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE AFRICAN SUPREME COUNCIL ON SPORT AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY CALLED UPON BLACK AFRICAN OLYMPIC COMMITTEES AND ATHLETES TO BOYCOTT THE MONTREAL GAMES RATHER THAN PARTICIPATE IN

SPORTING EVENTS WITH NEW ZEALANDERS. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, THE BOYCOTT WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT FOR IT CALLED INTO QUESTION -- UNFAIRLY IT WAS THOUGHT -- THE RACIAL POLICIES OF A NATION WHOSE RECORD AT HOME HAS BEEN ONE OF SUCCESSFUL, TROUBLEFREE INTEGRATION OF ITS MINORITY MAORI/PACIFIC ISLAND POPULATION. EMBARRASSMENT GAVE WAY TO FRUSTRATION AS NEW ZEALANDERS LEARNED THAT NUMEROUS OTHER NATIONS WERE CONTINUING THEIR SPORTING CONTACTS WITH SOUTH AFRICA WITHOUT FEAR OF A BOYCOTT. AND FRUSTRATION GAVE WAY TO ANGER AS NEW ZEALANDERS CAME TO BELIEVE THAT PRECISELY BECAUSE THEIR COUNTRY IS SMALL AND WITHOUT SIGNIFICANT ECONOMIC OR POLITICAL INTEREST IN AFRICA -- OTHER THAN SPORTING TIES -- IT WAS PICKED FOR DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT. PRIME MINISTER MULDOON CHARGED DOMESTIC ANTI-APARTHEID GROUPS WITH FEEDING "LIES" ABOUT NEW ZEALAND TO THE BOYCOTT LEADERS AND CALLED THE GROUPS "TRAITORS." (ONE OF THE GROUPS TOOK PRIMIN MULDOON TO COURT IN JULY 1977 CHARGED WITH LIBEL FOR THESE STATEMENTS. FOLLOWING A ONE-WEEK TRIAL, INCLUDING TWO DAYS OF TESTIMONY BY MULDOON, THE JURY FOUND MULDOON'S STATEMENTS TO BE IN FACT LIBELOUS, BUT ALSO TRUE. MULDOON WAS FOUND INNOCENT.)

5. FOR MOST NEW ZEALANDERS, LONG AFTER THE SAVOUR OF A FEW OLYMPIC GOLD MEDALS HAD WORN OFF, THE BAD TASTE OF THE BOYCOTT, OF BEING AN INTERNATIONAL SPORTS PARIAH, LINGERED ON. THE GNZ SENT ITS MOST EXPERIENCED DIPLOMAT, FORMER PRIME MINISTER SIR KEITH HOLYOAKE TO THE UNGA IN SEPTEMBER PRIMARILY TO EXPLAIN TO THE BLACK AFRICANS NEW ZEALAND'S  
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POLICY ON SPORTING LINKS. THE BOYCOTT CONTINUED. DEPUTY PRIMIN AND FORNMIN TALBOYS UNDERTOOK A MONTHLONG TOUR OF AFRICA, MEETING REPEATEDLY WITH BLACK AFRICAN LEADERS TO ASSURE THEM OF THE GNZ'S STEADFAST OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID. MULDOON REMAINED AT HOME AND TOLD HIS RUGBY-LOVING SUPPORTERS, "NOTHING HAS CHANGED." THE BOYCOTT CONTINUED.

6. BY THE TIME THE COMMONWEALTH LEADERS MET IN LONDON IN JUNE, THE ISSUE OF NEW ZEALAND SPORTING TIES AND THE BLACK AFRICAN BOYCOTT WAS ON THE FRONT BURNER. THE HEAT FOR AN EARLY AGREEMENT WAS COMING FROM THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT AND PARTICULARLY FROM CANADA WHOSE 1978 COMMONWEALTH GAMES IN EDMONTON HUNG IN THE BALANCE. TO THE SURPRISE OF MOST OBSERVERS, MULDOON SHOWED HIMSELF TO BE MORE FLEXIBLE ON THE ISSUE AT THE COMMONWEALTH MEETING THAN WAS THOUGHT POSSIBLE. THE "GLENEAGLES AGREEMENT" WHICH EMERGED AND WHICH MULDOON SAID HE HAD NO DIFFICULTY IN SUPPORTING, OBLIGATES EACH COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE "EVERY PRACTICAL STEP TO DISCOURAGE" SPORTING CONTACT BETWEEN THEIR NATIONALS AND SOUTH AFRICA. IT GOES ON TO

RECOGNIZE THAT EACH GOVERNMENT MUST DETERMINE FOR ITSELF  
"IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS LAWS" THE METHODS BY WHICH THE  
COMMITMENT WILL BE DISCHARGED.

7. WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF CABINET, PRIMIN MULDOON  
ANNOUNCED JULY 14 THE FOLLOWING DECISION OF THE GNZ TO  
IMPLEMENT "GLENEAGLES":

(A) THE GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE TO NATIONAL  
SPORTING BODIES THE OFFICIAL TEXT OF THE "GLEN-  
EAGLES AGREEMENT;"

(B) THE GUIDANCE AND COUNSEL OF THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS WILL BE OFFERED TO ANY SPORTING ORGANIZA-  
TION FACED WITH A DECISION ON WHETHER TO HAVE  
SPORTING CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICA;

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